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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : We are dealing with Panchayat Unions. We do not go into the Corporation, the affairs of which have already become a sufficient public scandal.

Fishermen's villages (water-supply)

* 2310 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the steps taken by the Government to provide drinking water to fishermen's villages of Vavathurai Cape, Manakudy and Kovalam in Kanyakumari district; and

(*b*) the reasons for the delay in carrying out the extension of pipe line to fishermen's villages in Cape?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) The steps taken are as follows :—

Vavathurai and Cape.—The work of providing water facilities to Cape under the National Water-supply Scheme has been completed, except for pipe connections to 25 public fountains, which work is in progress and will be completed by this year.

Manakudy.—In connection with a proposal for protected water supply to Manakudy, a new well has been sunk at Manavalapuram and the preliminary investigation for the scheme has also been completed. The scheme has not been taken up pending collection of contribution from the public.

Kovalam.—A well was proposed originally for this village. Subsequently the construction of an overhead tank has been proposed. The estimate for the work has also been prepared and the selection of the nominee by the villagers is pending.

(*b*) It has been reported that there has been no delay in carrying out the proposals.

Schools in Valliyur Panchayat

* 2312 *Q*.—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

Why the teachers of aided schools in the Valliyur Panchayat Union Council area have not been paid their salaries and the two quarterly advance grants for midday meals to school children?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : A report has been called for from the Director of Public Instruction and is awaited.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Question No. 2311 has not been answered. May I know the reason, Sir?

DEPUTY SPEAKER : The hon. Member, Sri V. K. Ramaswami Mudaliar, came late. Before he came, I announced that the questions relating to the Hon. Minister for Industries would be postponed.

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SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Sir, after the transfer of the primary schools to the Panchayat Unions not only in the Valliyur Panchayat Union Council but in other unions also because of the inefficieny and inexperience of the Commissioner, who is in charge of distributing the salaries and other allowances to the schools, great delay is being felt to the greater disadvantage of the teachers. May I know, Sir, whether the Government will take action to avoid this?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have also received complaints with regard to the delay in the payment of salaries of primary school teachers in some of the panchayat unions. These delays have been caused due to the transition stage, due to the inexperience of the Commissioner and various other factors also. However, action has been taken to see that such delays do not occur.

Rural Water-supply Schemes (Kanyakumari district)

*2314 *Q.*—SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number and names of rural water-supply schemes carried out in Kanyakumari district during the last two years; and

(*b*) the number in progress?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) & (*b*) The Collector of Kanyakumari has been asked to furnish requisite information and his report in the matter is awaited.

SRI T. S. RAMASWAMI : May I know, Sir, what is the present stage of the national rural water supply in Kanyakumari district? That has been there for more than seven years. Nothing tangible has so far been done.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : When the hon. Member puts such questions, he must furnish the number and names of the rural water-supply schemes carried on in the Kanyakumari district during the last two years. He cannot expect immediate answers to these questions as information has to be collected and then answered. If any inadequate reply is given immediately, the hon. Member would rise and say such and such a scheme had not been included. So delay in such questions is unavoidable.

Death of prisoners in jails

*2315. *Q.*—SRI V. K. KOTHANDARAMAN : கனம் உள் துறை அமைச்சர் தயவுசெய்து கீழ்க்கண்ட கேள்விகளுக்குப் பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) நமது ராஜ்யத்திலுள்ள மத்திய சிறைகளில் 1961 செப்டம்பர் மாதம் முதல் இதுவரை எத்தனை பேர்கள் இறந் தார்கள்?

(இ) அதற்கான காரணமென்ன?